

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 5-8, 20-24, 29-32, 36-46, 48-53, 55-58, 61 and 62 are canceled herein.

Claims 1-4, 15, 16, 25-28, 33-35, 47, 54, 59 and 60 are allowed.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4, 15, 16, 25-28, 33-35, 47, 54, 59 and 60 are currently pending and under consideration.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 5-8, 20-24, 29-32, 36-46, 48-53, 55-58, 61 AND 62 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(B), DELAVALUX, ISHIKAWA, AND CHRAPLYVY

Claims 5-8, 20-24, 29-32, 36-46, 48-53, 55-58, 61 and 62 are canceled herein.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 5-8, 20-24, 29-32, 36-46, 48-53, 55-58, 61 and 62 are overcome.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 5-8, 20-24, 29-32, 36-46, 48-53, 55-58, 61 and 62 without prejudice or disclaimer.